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In re Application of

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: RESTART OF RESPONSE DATE

This is in response to applicants' renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed April 13, 2005, requesting remailing of a non-received Office action.

A review of the file history shows that this is an extremely old application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on March 1, 1993, followed by an Appeal Brief on August 20, 2993. An Examiner's Answer was mailed to applicants and the application forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (Board). At some point in time the application was remanded by the Board to the examiner for reconsideration. A change of correspondence address was filed on April 5, 1999, changing the correspondence address to that above, although the firm name was listed as "PEABODY & BROWN". For unknown reasons the address was not changed in the PALM data system. As a consequence a new Examiner's Answer was mailed to an incorrect address on January 13, 2004, and returned as undeliverable on January 29, 2004. No further action has been taken in this application. Applicant learned of the improperly mailed Examiner's Answer when it was received on February 5, 2005. In view of the circumstances cited above the period for response to the Examiner's Answer is restarted as of the date of receipt by applicants, February 5, 2005.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Applicants' reply is due within the two month time period set in the Examiner's Answer or as may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0519 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number, 571-273-8300.

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